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NEWS AND COMMENT
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 THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY NEWS SUMMARY

INTELLIGENCE NEWS
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COLBY SAYS CIA DOMESTIC OPERATIONS ONLY PARTIALLY ILLEGAL
 MEET THE PRESS

CIA DIRECTOR WILLIAM COLBY SAID SUNDAY THE ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION FAILED TO SUBSTANTIATE CHARGES THE CIA CONDUCTED A MASSIVE, ILLEGAL, DOMESTIC SPYING OPERATION DURING THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION. INSTEAD, COLBY SAID, THE COMMISSION FOUND THE CIA'S DOMESTIC OPERATION INVOLVED ONLY THREE AGENTS, WAS ONLY PARTIALLY ILLEGAL, AND ACTUALLY EXTENDED BACK INTO THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION.

COLBY ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE FAILED TO INFORM THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN 1973 WHEN THE CIA PRIVATELY UNCOVERED SOME OF ITS OWN MISDEEDS. HE SAID NONE OF THE EVIDENCE JUSTIFIED PROSECUTION AND HE WANTED "TO LET THE MISDEEDS OF THE PAST SIT QUIETLY."

DURING A BROADCAST INTERVIEW (NBC-TV'S MEET THE PRESS), COLBY REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT ALLEGED CIA ASSASSINATION PLOTS AGAINST FOREIGN LEADERS.

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CENSORSHIP GROWING TIGHTER AS DEMONSTRATIONS HELD IN INDIA

MOST AMERICAN REPORTERS ARE NOT OBSERVING THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT'S INCREASINGLY TIGHT CENSORSHIP, NBC REPORTED, JACK PERKINS (NBC) FILED THIS REPORT FROM NEW DELHI:

"YESTERDAY, THERE WAS A MEETING WITH THE NEW MINISTER OF INFORMATION, IN WHICH VERY STRICT, VERY SPECIFIC GUIDELINES WERE LAID DOWN. IN FACT, WE WERE TOLD THAT ANY NEWS AGENCY AND NEWSPAPER OR BROADCAST ORGANIZATION THAT CARRIED STORIES THAT WERE CONSIDERED UNFAVORABLE BY THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT, EVEN IF THAT STORY DID NOT CARRY A NEW DELHI OR INDIAN DATELINE, THE PEOPLE HERE IN NEW DELHI FOR THAT ORGANIZATION WOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE, AND THE WORDS THAT WERE USED WERE THAT THEY WOULD BE TREATED AS CRIMINALS RATHER THAN JOURNALISTS, AND WHEN ASKED WHAT THE PENALTY WOULD BE, THE ANSWER WAS, EXPULSION.

"THE CENSORSHIP HAS OBVIOUSLY BECOME MUCH MORE STRICT, AND I WOULD SUGGEST THAT IN THE DAYS AHEAD, IT WILL BECOME STRICTER AND STRICTER AND IT WILL BECOME MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO PUT ANY SORT OF INFORMATION ON RADIO, ON TELEVISION FILM, OR IN NEWSPRINT OUT OF INDIA."

MEANWHILE, POLICE ARRESTED AT LEAST 30 PERSONS IN THE FIRST KNOWN MASS DEMONSTRATIONS UNDER INDIA'S STATE OF EMERGENCY. THE DEMONSTRATORS SHOUTED SLOGANS SUCH AS, "INDIRA GANDHI, DOWN, DOWN!"

A SOVIET NEWSPAPER, KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA, HAILED THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN INDIA AND INTRODUCTION OF PRESS CENSORSHIP SUNDAY AS "RESOLUTE ACTIONS," BUT CHINA'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER SAID THE GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI HAS DISCARDED THE "LAST SHRED OF THE FIG LEAF OF DEMOCRACY." -- AP, UPI, NBC (6/29/75)

WORST FIGHTING IN LEBANON SINCE 1958

RIGHT-WING MILITIAMEN AND LEFTIST GUERRILLAS BATTLED WITH ROCKETS, MORTARS AND MACHINE GUNS SUNDAY IN THE WORST FIGHTING IN LEBANON SINCE THE 1958 CIVIL WAR THAT LED TO A LANDING BY U.S. MARINES. AN ESTIMATED 30 PERSONS WERE KILLED AND 70 WERE INJURED IN FIGHTING SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY, RAISING THE WEEK'S TOLL TO AT LEAST 55 DEAD AND 100 INJURED AND BOOBYING CASUALTIES PAST THE 1,100 MARK IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

POLITICAL SOURCES SAID SYRIA AND IRAQ WERE JOINING

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EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS. --
AP, UPI, NBC (6/29/75)

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NEWS

ISRAELI AMBASSADOR RECALLED FOR CONSULTATION

ISRAEL HAS RECALLED ITS AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, SIMCHA DINITZ, FOR CONSULTATION AT HOME APPARENTLY TO PLAN A RESPONSE TO U.S. ULTIMATUM INSISTING THAT ISRAEL PULL BACK FROM THE MITLA AND GIDI PASSES IN THE SINAI PENINSULA AS PART OF AN INTERIM PEACE AGREEMENT. AN ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN JERUSALEM SUNDAY -- AP, UPI, NBC (6/29/75)

REAGAN SAYS U.S. QUIT IN VIETNAM

THOSE WHO FOUGHT IN VIETNAM SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM THE SHAME OF AMERICA'S WITHDRAWAL, GOV. RONALD REAGAN TOLD MORE THAN 100 FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR SATURDAY NIGHT. "THE BRUTAL TRUTH IS THAT OUR NATION QUIT," HE SAID. "IT GAVE UP, WALKED OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR HISTORY, NOT ON THE WAR ALONE, BUT ON AN ALLY, ON A COMMITMENT AND THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM," HE SAID.

EARLIER IN THE DAY THE RETURNED PRISONERS PASSED A RESOLUTION PRAISING PRESIDENT NIXON "FOR HIS SINGULAR DISPLAY OF COURAGE AND RESOLUTION...BY TAKING THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECT OUR RELEASE." -- AP (6/29/75)

VIENTIANE EMBASSY STAFF CUT BACK

THE U.S. EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE CUT BACK TO A SKELETON STAFF OF 22 PERSONS SUNDAY, REDUCING THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN PRESENCE IN LAOS BY NEARLY HALF. ARMED DEMONSTRATORS OCCUPIED THREE EMBASSY INSTALLATIONS AND PUT PRESSURE ON THE REMAINING AMERICANS TO GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY. THE SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL IN LAOS, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES CHRISTIAN CHAPMAN, SAID 20 U.S. OFFICIALS DEPARTED SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND SUNDAY MORNING FOLLOWING THE LATEST WAVE OF ANTI-AMERICAN PROTESTS. "IT IS OBVIOUSLY AN INSECURE SITUATION," CHAPMAN SAID AFTER THE SEIZURE SATURDAY OF THE U.S. LIBRARY, A RESIDENTIAL COMPOUND AND THE EMBASSY'S MAINTENANCE COMPOUND. "THERE IS NO SENSE IN KEEPING LOTS OF PEOPLE AROUND." -- AP, UPI, NBC (6/29/75)

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SOMALIA DENIES JOURNALISTS ACCESS TO BASE

SOMALIA HAS AGAIN DENIED AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CLAIMS THE SOVIET UNION IS CONSTRUCTING MISSILE FACILITIES IN THIS PORT -- BUT AT THE LAST MINUTE IT REFUSED TO ALLOW A GROUP OF SPECIALLY INVITED JOURNALISTS TO TOUR THE DISPUTED COMPLEX.

PRESIDENCY COMMENT**COMMENT**

**FORD WAS DECISIVE, COMMANDING AT PRESS CONFERENCE
WASHINGTON WEEK IN REVIEW**

AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, PRESIDENT FORD WAS "COMMANDING AND HE SEEMED DECISIVE," PETER LISAGOR SAID. "MANY OF HIS ANSWERS WERE DONE IN SHARP POLITICAL TERMS, AND I THINK IT WAS QUITE EFFECTIVE OUT IN THE COUNTRY... BUT HE SAID SOME THINGS THAT NEED PARSING... HE MADE SOME CLAIMS ABOUT THE ECONOMY THAT, I THINK, NEED SOME ANALYSIS." LISAGOR DID NOT ELABORATE FURTHER.

AS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS ABOUT THE POSSIBLE USE OF U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN SOUTH KOREA, CHARLES CORDRY SAID: "I THOUGHT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN MET A LOT OF EYES IN WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAID. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AWFULLY HARD TO SAY THAT HE SIGNALED ANY SHIFT WHATSOEVER IN OUR STRATEGIC NUCLEAR POLICY. HE SAID THAT-- PROBABLY MORE TRUTHFULLY THAN HE REALIZED -- THAT WHEN AND HOW HE WOULD USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD BE DECIDED AT THE TIME THE OCCASION MIGHT ARISE. BUT PEOPLE DO HAVE TO PLAN STRATEGIES IN CASE THE TIME DOES ARISE," CORDRY SAID.

WHEN FORD WAS ASKED WHETHER THE US WOULD USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IF NORTH KOREA ATTACKED THE SOUTH, "HE WOULD NOT SAY YES; HE WOULD NOT SAY NO -- WHICH PROBABLY WAS THE RIGHT THING," CORDRY SAID. "I THINK IT OUGHT TO BE SAID THAT THERE IS AN EXTREMELY HEAVY-HANDED MOVE IN THE GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME AIMED AT PREVENTING NORTH KOREA FROM DOING ANYTHING TO SOUTH KOREA, AND (SECRETARY) SCHLESINGER, A WEEK BEFORE, HAD SAID, MR. FORD SAID AGAIN, HE WOULDN'T RULE IT OUT; HE WOULDN'T RULE IT IN, THIS WAS THE POLICY FROM THE TIME THE KOREAN WAR ENDED."

NEIL MACNEIL SUGGESTED FORD WAS "PLAYING TOUGH GUY OFF THE US DISASTERS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA... THE IDEA OF (KEEP THEM) GUESSING, THAT THE US IS NOT A PAPER TIGER," CORDRY

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CORDROY SAID HE DID NOT, AS MACNEIL SUGGESTED HE MIGHT, BELIEVE THIS WAS A "BLUNDER" OR "CONFUSION," HOWEVER, CORDROY SAID, "I THINK THAT WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY, HE MIGHT TRY TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN THE USE OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES AND IN THE USE OF NUCLEAR, INSTEAD OF LETTING THEM OVERLAP." (S/27775)

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AND THE OTHER OIL CONSUMING NATIONS WOULD HAVE TO "FIND SOME ANSWERS OTHER THAN OPEC OIL" IF THE THREATENED INCREASE OF \$2 TO \$4 A BARREL IS IMPOSED.

THERE ARE STRONG WORDS, PARTICULARLY IN THE LANGUAGE OF DIPLOMACY, WHERE DIRECT, BLUNT WARNINGS ARE RARE. THE TROUBLE WITH FORD'S STRONG WORDS IS THAT THE OPEC COUNTRIES KNOW AS WELL AS WE DO THAT CONGRESS HAS NOT GIVEN THE PRESIDENT A STRONG NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY TO BACK UP HIS WORDS. AND IT IS NOT LIKELY OUR LAWMAKERS WILL ENACT SUCH A POLICY BEFORE SEPT. 30. AT BEST, IT APPEARS CONGRESS WILL ADOPT AN OIL IMPORT QUOTA SYSTEM, THE EFFECT OF WHICH ON CONSERVATION AND PRICES WILL NOT BE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE IMPORT TAXES WHICH MR. FORD HAS IMPOSED AND WHICH CONGRESS CONCERNS.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S WISE ADVICE WAS TO "SPEAK SOFTLY AND CARRY A BIG STICK." THANKS TO THE FAILURE OF CONGRESS TO ADOPT AN ENERGY POLICY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE MOST POWERFUL COUNTRY IN THE WORLD IS REDUCED TO SPOUTING BIG WORDS AND BRANDISHING A TWIG. (6/28/75)

FOREIGN POLICY: COMMENT

COMMENT

ROWAN SAYS ISRAEL DISTRUSTS KISSINGER, BUT NOT FORD

"AGRONSKY AND COMPANY"

CARL ROWAN, WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED A TOUR OF THE MIDEAST, SAID HE RETURNED "A GREAT DEAL MORE PESSIMISTIC THAN I WAS WHEN I LEFT, AND I WAS PLENTY PESSIMISTIC THEN." RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE U.S. ARE WORSE THAN MOST PEOPLE THINK, HE SAID. "THE DISTRUST OF HENRY KISSINGER IN ISRAEL IS VERY DEEP. I WAS ABSOLUTELY FLABBERGASTED TO HAVE TOP OFFICIALS SAY SOME THINGS TO ME THAT THEY SAID, INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON, WITH MY TAPE-RECORDERS ON.

"THEY THINK THE UNITED STATES IS TRYING TO SELL ISRAEL DOWN THE RIVER TO THE ARABS, AND THEY SAID IT IN ABOUT A HUNDRED DIFFERENT WAYS," ROWAN SAID. "THEY ALSO THINK THAT KISSINGER'S MIDEAST FOREIGN POLICY IS NOW BASED ON RIQUR, THAT THE ISRAELIS DIDN'T DO WHAT HE WANTED THEM TO DO, AND NOW HE'S GOING TO SHOVE IT TO THEM."

"NOW, THEY DID MAKE A CALCULATED EFFORT, I THINK, TO SEPARATE KISSINGER FROM PRESIDENT FORD," HE SAID. "I THINK WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO SAY TO PRESIDENT FORD IS, 'WE'LL DO BUSINESS WITH YOU, BUT WE SURE WISH YOU'D GET RID OF THIS

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GUY, KISSINGERI."

"ON THE OTHER HAND, I DON'T THINK THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE THE KIND OF CONCESSIONS (EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT) SADAT WILL ACCEPT, AND I HAVE SOME REAL DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER HE SOON WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT INTERIM AGREEMENT."

ROWAN SAID HE HAS NO DOUBT THAT A MIDEAST PEACE WILL NOT BE ACHIEVED UNTIL THE ISRAELIS NEGOTIATE WITH YASSER ARAFAT. "MY CONVERSATIONS WITH ARAFAT AND WITH OTHER PLO LEADERS LEAD ME TO BELIEVE THAT IF THEY DON'T TALK TO ARAFAT, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE SOMEBODY A LOT TOUGHER AND A LOT LESS REASONABLE TO TALK TO THAN ARAFAT," ROWAN SAID, CALLING ARAFAT A RELATIVELY MODERATE LEADER.

"THE ONLY THING WE'VE GOT GOING AGAINST ANOTHER WAR IN THE MIDEAST IN, SAY, FIVE OR SIX MONTHS, IS THE FACT THAT ISRAEL TRULY CAN'T AFFORD IT, THE ONLY WAY ISRAEL CAN AFFORD IT IS IF WE PICK UP THE BILL."

EGYPT WANTS PEACE "IN THE WORST KIND OF WAY," HE SAID. "SADAT HAS PUT ALL HIS EGGS IN HENRY KISSINGER'S BASKET AND I WOULD SAY THAT IF WE DON'T GET SOME KIND OF INTERIM AGREEMENT IN THREE MONTHS, SADAT WILL BE PRESSED TO THE POINT WHERE HE WILL HAVE TO SHIFT FROM THIS CURRENT PEACE STRATEGY TO ANOTHER WAR-MAKING STRATEGY, AND ASSUME THAT ANOTHER WAR OF ATTRITION WON'T MAKE A HELL OF A LOT OF DIFFERENCE. THAT, IN THE LONG RUN, IT WILL HURT ISRAEL MORE THAN THE ARABS BECAUSE OF THE MANPOWER SITUATION." (6/27/75)
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